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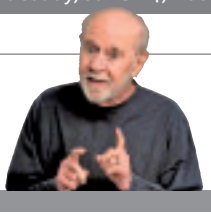

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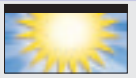

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Jump in new dads on leave

More Canadian fathers are embracing parenthood and taking time off to care for their young children, according to a Statistics Canada study released yesterday.

The number of dads taking parental leave jumped in 2006, led by fathers in Quebec, who are entitled to five weeks' paternity leave and better paid benefits. The study found that more than half of eligible Quebec dads took time off in 2006 after the province introduced its own parental leave program, compared to 32 per cent in 2005.

Elsewhere in Canada, one in 10 dads took parental leave. That's up sharply from only 3 per cent eight years ago, though it has barely increased since 2001, when federal parental leave was boosted to 35 weeks that could be shared between parents.

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Mayor's Pride

Metro columnist Enza "Supermodel" Anderson shares a light moment yesterday with Toronto Mayor David Miller, centre, and Coun. Kyle Rae during the raising of the Rainbow Flag at city hall. The ceremony also marked the official proclamation of Pride Week 2008. More Pride Week coverage, pages 24 & 26.

150 arrested in drug blitz

Following a five-week undercover investigation in downtown parks, Toronto police have arrested 150 suspects and laid hundreds of drug-related charges.

Police seized about $80,000 in cash and $240,000 worth of narcotics, mainly crack cocaine, during the investigation. Officers posing as civilians purchased drugs in several downtown communities, police said. They focused their attention on community parks in Parkdale, the Seaton Street neighbourhood, Regent Park and the Bloor Street and Lansdowne Avenue area.

Police said the suspects are alleged street-level dealers with no ties to gangs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Green ambition

New report maps out GTA's road to turning eco-friendly mecca

You're doing your part for the environment. You bring canvas bags to the grocery store, compost your kitchen waste and make sure every scrap of paper finds its way to the recycling bin.

But a new report reveals that two-thirds of the region's waste is actually coming from non-residential sources.

While GTA residents slog away at home, reducing, reusing and recycling their garbage, commercial leaders are dragging their feet.

Waste in the GTA is just one of several issues addressed in a landmark report unveiled today by the Greening Greater Toronto committee, an initiative out of the Toronto City Summit Alliance. The report is an aggressive road map toward making the GTA the greenest city region in North America.

Yesterday, Mayor David Miller said he welcomes the report, saying it supports the direction Toronto has been going.

"We already work with the private sector, but if they are able to mobilize more private sector support for these kinds of initiatives, I think it's terrific."

Miller will be on hand today at the Steamwhistle Brewing Company when the Toronto City Summit Alliance releases its report.

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environmental goals

» The Toronto City Summit Alliance identifies five environmental goals: A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; clean air; clean water; sustainable land use with more green space; and waste reduction that makes sense.

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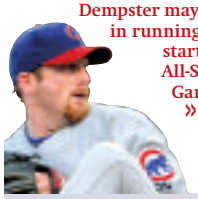

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Storms rip across GTA

Funnel clouds reported but no tornado warnings

Funnelling clouds lurked above an assault of pounding hail and rain as thunderstorms ripped across the GTA yesterday.

Several menacing clouds were reported over the Scarborough and Markham areas in the afternoon — but no official tornado warnings were issued, said Environment Canada spokesperson Peter Kimbell.

However, some areas were pelted by nickel-sized hail and thundering rain.

The Downsview weather office reported 34 mm of rain fell throughout the day.

However, in other areas the rain seemed to stay away. Only 2.8 mm of rain was recorded at Pearson Airport, and just 4.8 mm at Buttonville Airport in Richmond Hill.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Funnel clouds loom south of the Angus Glen Golf Club yesterday as thunderstorms kept golfers off the course for the Toronto Maple Leafs alumni golf tournament.

Although Environment Canada called off its severe thunderstorm watch just before 4 p.m., flooding continued to choke traffic on roads and highways around Toronto.

The TTC was forced to divert several routes, introducing temporary bus shuttles, to get around areas affected by flooding.

Rising rivers and streams in the GTA prompted the Toronto Region Conservation to issue a flood warning as concerns grew for overflowing sewers and street flooding.

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Metrolinx charts new territory

A Canadiana lodge-look car, complete with fireplace, Starbucks coffee, designer drapes and rugs, was one idea that emerged at a gathering of about 75 urban and transportation planners convened by Metrolinx yesterday.

green

» There was even a green car idea featuring bikes that commuters could ride à la The Flintstones to generate energy along with a solar roof and planters.

The gathering at the ROM was meant to chart new territory on the Toronto-region transportation scene as Metrolinx prepares to release next month a draft of its regional transportation plan.

Any transportation system in the future has to be user-friendly, seamless and add value because somebody has to pay for it and the public sector won't be able to pay for all of it, said George Hazel, a British transportation planning expert.

Some of yesterday's suggestions: A quiet car equipped with laptops, wireless Internet access and reclining chairs so people who wanted to sleep or work could do so in comfort.

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Mayor's gun plan wins approval

CITY HALL It was attacked as a waste of time and "hullabaloo," but in the end Mayor David Miller's "city-based" measures to address gun violence in Toronto won council approval yesterday.

The most controversial aspect of the 16-point plan is the cancellation of a lease and permit for two recreational gun clubs that operate separately in city-run facilities — one in a community centre in Scarborough, the other in Union Station.

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Six dogs poisoned at High Park

As investigators tried to connect a doggie debate and a set of poisoned pooches at High Park yesterday, park administrators insisted the two are unrelated.

"This happened kind of out in the open as a statement to the dog owners," said Det. Suzanne Pinto, who is leading the Toronto police investigation into the six dogs poisoned at the park this weekend.

toxic antifreeze

» Yellow police tape surrounded "Dog Hill" yesterday. All signs suggest someone had deliberately poured toxic antifreeze into a pair of water basins left by an open hydrant in the off-leash area, police said.

The troubles in the park began late last month when the advisory council voted to ban off-leash dogs from a roadway inside the park, and to claw back the size of "Dog Hill."

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Police to set up offices in some schools

There won't be uniformed police officers roaming the halls of Toronto high schools.

But the Toronto District School Board says police will set up an office in several high schools around the city.

"This will enable officers to get to know students better, and for students to get to know officers better," said school board chair John Campbell. He estimates more than 20 public high schools, and five or six Catholic schools, will take part.

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»news In Brief

» **CHARGED** Police say a long-simmering dispute is behind the fatal stabbing of a 19-year-old in a public housing building in Brampton. Naipaul Basdeoram, 19, was charged with second-degree murder yesterday.

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St. Clair streetcar saga

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The St. Clair Avenue West saga continues to test how well City of Toronto departments and agencies work with each other. The first major hurdle in adding exclusive streetcar lanes to this midtown artery was coming up with a design acceptable to both the TTC and the traditionally pro-car transportation division.

St. Clair is wider than most downtown streets, but there was still a great deal of compromising to fit in transit and traffic lanes, plus parking and sidewalk space. Everyone got squeezed and there will be no bike lanes.

Then came the job of getting Toronto Hydro, the TTC and the city to harmonize their construction schedules — a task apparently so complicated that St. Clair residents and shop owners may have to put up with construction beyond 2009.

Now, it seems Toronto Fire Services has found challenges in actually using the St. Clair transit lanes. Although involved in the planning process since early on, the department recently identified real problems for large vehicles trying to access and travel the streetcar "right-of-way."

The city's fire chief insists St. Clair's new layout is safe for fire trucks, although some "minor adjustments" are required. The question for me is whether it could be safer. Two physical obstacles are of top concern — the location of poles that hold up streetcar power wires and the edge of the raised platform that runs down the middle of the street.

This design is also proposed for the citywide network of light rail lines known as Transit City, and although most of the suburban roads slated for construction are wider than St. Clair, compromises are still going to be necessary.

Putting poles between the tracks has the advantage of reducing maintenance costs as well as the number of wires stretching across the street (a bonus for aerial ladders) — but the poles force fire trucks to slow down. Also, the right-of-way's raised platform keeps cars off, but the curbs may be so high that even drivers of emergency vehicles and TTC buses can't mount them without fear of damage.

In theory, the St. Clair transit lanes should have allowed a speedy way to bypass traffic, but in practice it looks as if some fire trucks may avoid them. Likewise, whenever streetcar service is disrupted, replacement buses are more likely to end up fighting congestion next to empty transit lanes. Were these trade-offs necessary?

St. Clair is not complete, so remedies are still possible — including raising the adjoining pavement to minimize the height of those curbs. Such a potential costly fix has to be avoided for Transit City. What's more, the pole locations need a real rethink. Cost and aesthetics are valid priorities, but not if these have the effect of keeping emergency and TTC vehicles off the right-of-way.

Ed Drass has a degree in urban studies from York University and regularly rides transit in the GTA and elsewhere.

»news In Brief

» **INJURED** A woman struck by a TTC streetcar yesterday morning is in hospital with serious head injuries. Around 10 a.m., Toronto police were called to the area of Harbord Street and Spadina Avenue, where she was found partly stuck under a streetcar.

» **HOMICIDE** A retired cab driver was found slain in his east-end apartment bedroom, one year to the day that his wife died from cancer. Don Cuthbertson, 74, was found with "signs of trauma" when his son returned home yesterday at 1:30 a.m., Det.-Sgt. Dean Burks said. He is the city's 27th homicide.

» **MISSING** The family of an 18-year-old with special needs, who disappeared a week ago, made an emotional plea for information yesterday. Kyle Plourde, who functions at a 10-year-old's level, was last seen at 8 p.m. on June 16 at his friend's house in the High Park area. Kyle is white, 5-foot-8, with a slim build, short brown hair, hazel eyes and scars on his lower arms. Wearing black track pants and a black shirt, he had a red-and-black knapsack.

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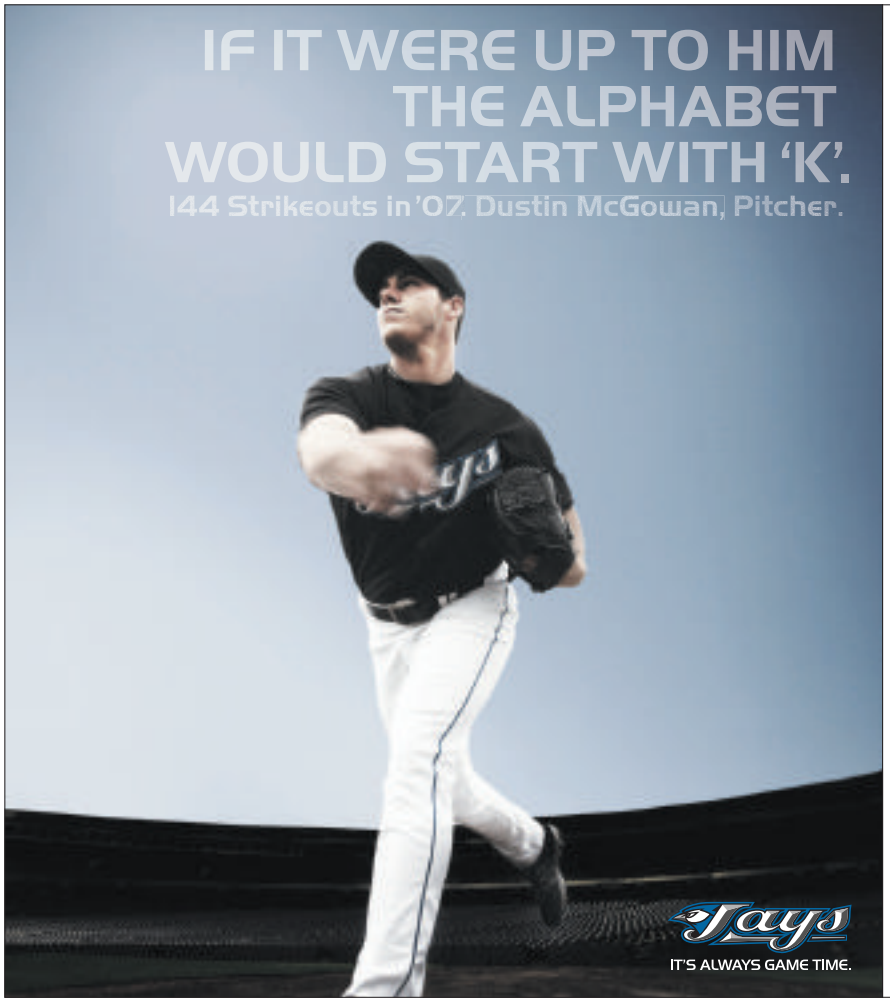

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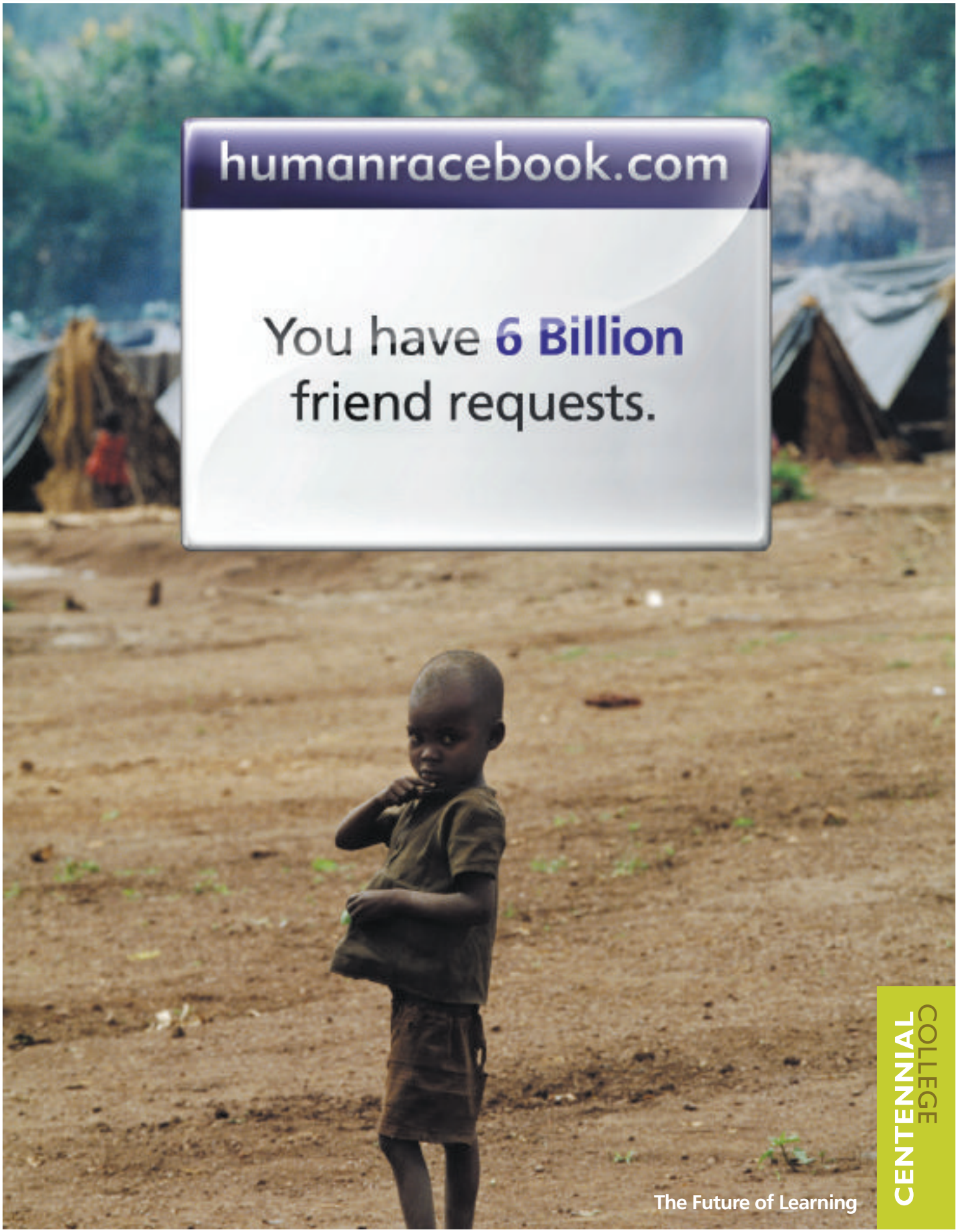

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Atlantic Canada is headed toward a grey-haired future, a graph by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council shows. By 2031, there will be 671,000 East Coast residents over the age of 65 — almost double current levels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb plot trial begins

Crown lays out case against accused Canadian

A Canadian software developer designed a remote bomb detonator he called the "hi-fi digimonster" that was to be used in a terrorist plot to murder civilians in nightclubs, railway stations and subways in Britain, an Ottawa court heard yesterday.

"The aim was to cause death, injury and damage for religious and political purposes," David McKercher, the lead Crown attorney, said in outlining his case against Momin Khawaja, 29.

The court was told that when the RCMP raided Khawaja's home in Orleans, a suburb of Ottawa, on March 29, 2004, they found detonator components plus six guns and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

Among the many e-mails Khawaja is alleged to have written, he called for a jihad against non-Muslims and wished he could kiss "the blessed hand" of Osama bin Laden.

The crown's star witness took the stand yesterday to tell the court that Khawaja travelled to Pakistan in early 2002, intent on fighting with the Taliban. "He had come to fight in Afghanistan," said Mohammed Junaid Babar, a key figure in a failed London bombing plot.

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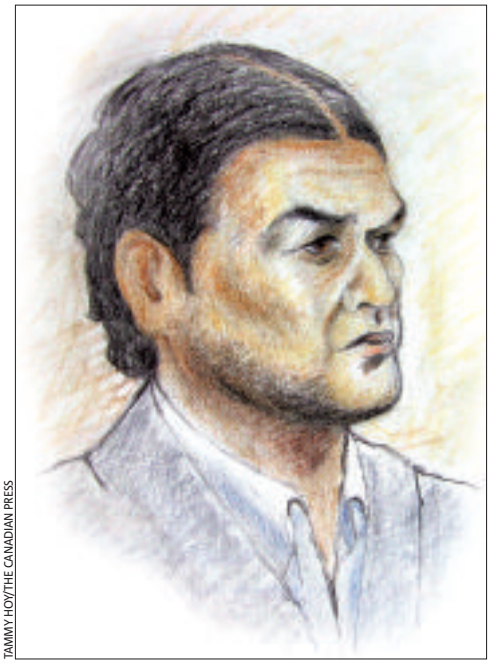
charged under act

» Khawaja was the first Canadian charged under the seven-year-old Anti-Terrorism Act. Five men were convicted in Britain last year and jailed for life in the plot Khawaja was alleged to be involved in.



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Momin Khawaja is shown in an Ottawa courtroom yesterday in this artist's sketch.

Cabinet shuffle minor tweak: PM

Harper likely to keep Emerson as foreign minister

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says his upcoming cabinet shuffle, expected any day now that Parliament has broken for the summer, will be a minor tweak to the ministerial ranks to fill the gap left by Maxime Bernier's departure as foreign affairs minister.

Harper asked International Trade Minister David Emerson to step into the foreign affairs post temporarily when Bernier resigned last month after leaving classified documents at the home of ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard.

Emerson will attend the G8 foreign ministers' meetings in Japan this week and many expect him to be asked to continue in the role.

Harper will likely shift a junior minister or parliamentary secretary such as Diane Ablonczy, Ted Menzies or Christian Paradis into the international trade job, at least until a more major shuffle, possibly in the fall.

"I believe that most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios," Harper said last week. "I don't believe this would be the time for major changes to cabinet."

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'impressed'

» Emerson's cool handling of questions around NAFTA — when it became a political hot potato in the U.S. — and around the Afghanistan prison break is said to have impressed Harper.

»news In Brief

» **SMOKING** The Canadian Cancer Society is calling for a government ban on flavoured cigarillos after a national youth smoking survey found a significant proportion of teens have at least experimented with the product. The 2006-07 Youth Smoking Survey by the University of Waterloo, released yesterday, found that 35 per cent of Grade 10 to 12 students reported having tried "cigars, cigarillos and little cigars." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Army court convicts Iraqi-Canadian

Translator guilty of charges related to stabbing

A U.S. military court convicted an Iraqi-Canadian translator of several charges in connection with a stabbing incident last February and sentenced him to five months in jail.

It was the first U.S. military prosecution of a civilian since the Vietnam War.

Alaa (Alex) Mohammad Ali pleaded guilty Sunday to wrongfully taking a knife owned by a U.S. soldier, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators, the military said.

He had been charged with aggravated assault for allegedly stabbing another contractor four times during a fight Feb. 23 on a base near Hit, 140 kilometres west of Baghdad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

new code

» It was the first trial under a 2006 amendment to the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, which enables civilian employees in a combat zone to be tried for offences before a military court.

Girl in shock over deaths

Investigators say a young girl was in a state of shock after her father attacked his ex-girlfriend and a 20-year-old man who eventually died after a violent melee that was linked to a love triangle.

Police say the girl's father, Martin Bedard, later committed suicide by stabbing himself to death.

A Laval police spokeswoman said yesterday that Bedard's 12-year-old daughter told an investigator she heard horrifying screams during the weekend attack.

"She heard a woman screaming and yelling at Bedard to stop," Nathalie Lorrain said.

Julie Chenel, the woman involved in the triangle, was released from hospital yesterday after being questioned by detectives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former Bosnian Serb police chief Stojan Zupljanin, left, declined to enter a plea yesterday at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal stemming from his command of notorious prisons in Bosnia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials deny pregnancy pact story

U.S. city's mayor responds to Time magazine article

The mayor of Gloucester, Mass., says there is no evidence a group of girls at the city's high school made a pact to become pregnant and raise their babies together, as she sought to dispel an explosive theory put forth by the high school principal.

"Any planned blood-oath bond to become pregnant — there is absolutely no evidence of," Mayor Carolyn Kirk said yesterday after a closed-door meeting with city, school and health leaders.

Conspicuously absent from that meeting was Gloucester High School principal Joseph Sullivan, who has not responded to repeated requests for comment after he was quoted last week in a Time magazine story saying the girls planned to get pregnant together.

no confirmation from families

» None of the girls or their families have come forward to confirm any type of pact, and school and health officials have not identified any of the youngsters. The girls are all 16 or under, nearly all of them sophomores.

The mayor, who also sits on the school committee, said she was not comfortable having Sullivan at the meeting.

Kirk cited privacy concerns in refusing to answer many questions about the 17 girls who became pregnant this school year — more than quadruple the number who generally become pregnant at the school.

Kirk also said that the spike in pregnancies is in keeping with similar spikes in other cities. Supt. Christopher Farmer added the Time magazine piece did not distinguish between "a pact to become pregnant or a pact because we are pregnant."

Farmer also defended Sullivan saying, "I don't believe anyone has acted in particularly bad faith here."

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Model wife upstages visit by president

In his first presidential visit to Israel, Nicolas Sarkozy declared Israeli-Palestinian peace immediately attainable, talked tough against Iran's nuclear program and delivered an address to parliament.

But most Israelis didn't seem to care and the Israeli media didn't take much notice.

Instead, most attention has been showered on Sarkozy's glamorous wife — model-turned-singer Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.

The front pages of newspapers were filled with pictures of Carla overshadowing her husband.

Israeli leaders seemed equally impressed. President Shimon Peres blushed and several ministers giggled as she stepped off the plane Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Share Jerusalem, says Sarkozy

French president calls on Israel to cede sovereignty

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said yesterday there could be no Middle East peace unless Israel drops its refusal to cede sovereignty over parts of Jerusalem claimed by the Palestinians, challenging one of Israel's most emotionally held positions.

Speaking to a packed session of the legislature, Sarkozy called on Israel to stop settlement in the West Bank. But he tempered his address by assuring Israel that it could count on France's support in halting Iran's nuclear program.

"There cannot be peace without an immediate and complete halt to settlement," he said. "There cannot be peace without recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of two states and the guarantee of free access to the holy places for all religions."

Israel and the Palestinians have set a year-end target to reach a final peace deal.

But both sides have said recently that the goal is increasingly unlikely.

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy, left, and his wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, are seen yesterday during a party with the French community living in Jerusalem.

Philippines remains hopeful for missing

800 unaccounted for after typhoon

Philippines officials refused to give up hope of rescuing some of the 800 people missing after a ferry capsized during typhoon Fengshen, even as the still-roiling seas hampered efforts to get inside the vessel yesterday.

Divers heard no response when they hammered on the tip of the 23,824-ton Princess of Stars that was jutting from the water off Sibuyan island in the central Philippines.

"We're not ruling out that somebody there is still alive," coast guard chief Wilfredo Tamayo said. "You can never tell."

Only 38 wave-battered survivors from the ferry have been found so far.

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winds

» Typhoon winds reached up to 150 km/h over the weekend.

»news In Brief

» **DEMOCRATS** Former rivals Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton plan to campaign together Friday in a small town called Unity, their first joint appearance meant to ease tensions over the closely fought Democratic primary.

» **EVEREST** The world's highest garbage dump is set for a major cleanup next year. The operation is part of ongoing efforts to spruce up Mount Everest and protect its fragile Himalayan environment.

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Afghan clash grows

Dozens of Taliban insurgents dead

U.S.-led forces rained fire for two days on militants near Afghanistan's border with Pakistan, officials said yesterday, killing about 55 insurgents and underscoring how fighting with Taliban insurgents is escalating.

The battle in eastern Paktika province was the second in the past week to reportedly inflict major casualties on militants, whom Afghan officials insist are swarming in from strongholds in Pakistan.

June casualties

» This month, 465 people have died in insurgency-related violence, more than the 398 recorded dead in April.

Pakistan's government yesterday reiterated an offer to fence the craggy, 2,400-kilometre frontier — a project begun but abandoned last year amid criticism that it would only enrage the tribes who straddle the frontier and among whom the Taliban finds many recruits.

The battle in Paktika began Friday morning, when militants armed with rockets and guns ambushed troops from the U.S.-led coalition patrolling a road in Ziruk district, the coalition said. The troops returned fire and called in air strikes, which were responsible for the majority of the deaths.

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Guinness record **Stamp of approval**

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Children present their stamp mosaic in Leipzig, Germany, yesterday. The pupils made the 100-square-metre mosaic from almost 300,000 stamps — and set a new Guinness World Record.

Mugabe rival seeks refuge

Tsvangirai finds safety at Dutch Embassy

Zimbabwe's opposition leader has fled to the Dutch Embassy saying he feared for his safety, while police yesterday raided his party's headquarters and took dozens of people away.

Morgan Tsvangirai went to the embassy Sunday shortly after announcing he was withdrawing from Friday's presidential run-off against longtime leader Robert Mugabe, citing violence against opposition supporters, a Dutch foreign ministry spokesman said.

"He asked to come and stay because he was concerned about his safety," ministry spokesman Rob Dekker said. There has been no request for political asylum.

Opposition spokesman Nqobizitha Mlilo refused to comment on the report.

Mugabe's government said Friday's run-off will go ahead and Tsvangirai's name remains on the ballot.

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»news In Brief

» **RUSSIA** Four Russian teens have been convicted of beating and burning a man to death in an eternal flame that serves as a war memorial. Three 19-year-olds were given 16 to 18 years in prison, while a 15-year-old got nine years in a detention centre.

» **IRAN** Two men have been charged in Florida with illegally exporting aircraft parts to Iran. Both are being held until a hearing Thursday.

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Sports bra to the rescue

Sometimes it just takes a knack for attracting attention.

A Colorado hiker stranded in the Bavarian Alps for nearly three days was rescued after using her sports bra as an SOS flag, German police say.

Twenty-four-year-old Jessica Bruinsma was lifted to safety by helicopter last Thursday after she attracted the attention of lumberjacks by attaching her sports bra to a cable used to move timber down the mountain.

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BCE share price soars

Amount still below takeover offer

The wrangling between BCE Inc.'s buyers and their banks has resumed following a Supreme Court decision that put the $52 billion deal back on track, but analysts are split on whether the closed-door negotiations will ultimately result in a lower purchase price.

Shares of the Bell Canada parent soared nearly 6 per cent to close at $36.58, up $1.98, yesterday on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The high court's decision went against the phone company's bondholders, who had argued that BCE's board failed to consider their interests when it accepted a $42.75 per share offer.

BCE's discounted share price means investors still believe there's a risk the deal will not be completed at its current price.

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no choice?

» Jeffrey Fan, an analyst at UBS Investment Research, said shareholders, who would need to vote on any changes, may have no choice but to accept a lower price since a collapse of the deal would send BCE's stock plummeting.

GM Oshawa takes another hit

Truck plant to shut for up to 8 weeks

General Motors will halt production at its sputtering Oshawa truck plant for up to eight more weeks this year because of a continuing sharp drop in pickup sales.

"I don't think they really know yet where the market is going or how many weeks will be taken out," said Greg Moffatt, chairperson for the Canadian Auto Workers.

GM has already scheduled a regular two-week summer shutdown in July at the Oshawa truck and car plants.

In the U.S., GM's Janesville, Wis., operation faces the biggest cut with a stoppage of two weeks next month and 10 more weeks through the remainder of the year.

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»news In Brief

» **OILSANDS** U.S. mayors passed a resolution at their annual conference in Miami urging cities to forbid the use of gasoline made with oil from Alberta's oilsands in municipal vehicles. The resolution says development of fuel from the oilsands threatens forests, releases three times as much greenhouse gases as conventional oil and importing oilsands fuel slows the transition in the United States to cleaner energy sources.

» **ENERGY** Oil prices rose yesterday on disappointment over Saudi Arabia's modest production increase and concerns that output from Nigeria will decline.

» **AIRPORT** The Ottawa International Airport Authority is reducing its terminal fees by 5 per cent effective July 1.

» **SANCTIONS** The European Union has approved new sanctions against Iran, including freezing the assets of it biggest bank. The Bank of Melli is suspected of providing services to Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

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sports

Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson, left, is set to undergo surgery today on his injured right wrist and may not return this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian cooking for cruising Cubs

Ryan Dempster

YORK REPORT
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The Cubs are all the rage in Chicago these days — actually, throughout baseball — as they rank as MLB's top team and threaten to end their 100-year drought as World Series champions.

They wouldn't be in this lofty position, however, were it not for a Canadian pitcher. Baseball buffs, in fact, are starting to tout **Ryan Dempster** — of Gibsons, B.C. — as the logical choice to start for the NL in the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium in three weeks.

"Ryan's definitely got the numbers," Cubs manager **Lou Piniella** told me via telephone yesterday. "If I had to pick one player who's most responsible for what we've done in the first half this season, it might just be Ryan. He's quite a story."

That's a considerably different tune than Piniella was whistling about Dempster last season, when the right-hander struggled lamentably in the role of closer for the Cubs. He finished 2007 with a record of 2-7 and an earned-run average of 4.73, which wasn't really much better than the 1-9 and 4.80 he posted as a Chicago reliever in 2006.

After the stench he created out of the Cubs' bullpen, however, Dempster was transformed this season into a starter by Piniella, and the results have been, well, deodourizing.

At 31, Dempster is 9-2, with a 2.63 ERA. He is perfect this year at Chicago's Wrigley Field (9-0), where the Cubs have won 14 consecutive games — their longest winning streak since 1936. The team is 12-3 in games Dempster has started. On Sunday night, he turned in a gem in a victory over the crosstown rival White Sox at a Wrigley Field sellout. Standing ovations were directed at him twice during the internationally televised game.

Translation: Dempster is A shoo-in as MLB's comeback player of the year.

"It's like I'm a different person," he said in an interview. "I'm giving all the credit to (Cubs clubhouse attendant) **Otis Hellman**. He's a great cook. It really gets you prepared. I'm trying now to see if I can get him cooking for us on the road."

In reality, Dempster's conditioning has been considerably more responsible for his revival than Hellman's culinary talents.

"You throw a lot more innings as a starter than you do as a closer," Dempster said, "so I realized before the season that I'd better get my body in better shape. I've been working out like crazy, like I never have before, and I know I'm stronger because of it. I'm a lot more confident. I'm thinking big, and I'm performing a lot better and I'm getting great results."

Just like the Cubs.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Dancevic delivers Wimbledon upset

Niagara Falls native ousts No. 7 Nalbandian

A nagging wrist injury couldn't stop Canadian Frank Dancevic from pulling off one of the biggest wins of his career.

The 23-year-old from Niagara Falls, Ont., upset No. 7 seed David Nalbandian of Argentina 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in the first round at Wimbledon yesterday.

Just two weeks ago, Dancevic wasn't sure he'd even be able to play in the tournament after his ailing wrist forced him to withdraw from a tune-up event at Queen's Club.

"With my wrist and having to pull from Queen's this is just great," said Dancevic. "Honestly, I was happy just to be able to play here. This is a really big win for me and I'm so excited."

Nalbandian, who had never lost in the first or second round in five previous trips to Wimbledon, said after the loss that he was injured, but refused to elaborate.

Dancevic, ranked 95th in the world, will play 106th-ranked American Bobby Reynolds in the second round.

The rest of the opening day at the All England Club went as expected. Men's top seed Roger Federer, American Serena Williams and new women's No. 1 Ana Ivanovic won in straight sets. Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic also eased into the second round. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada's Frank Dancevic reacts after his first-round win over Argentina's David Nalbandian yesterday at Wimbledon. Dancevic, ranked 95th in the world, won in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

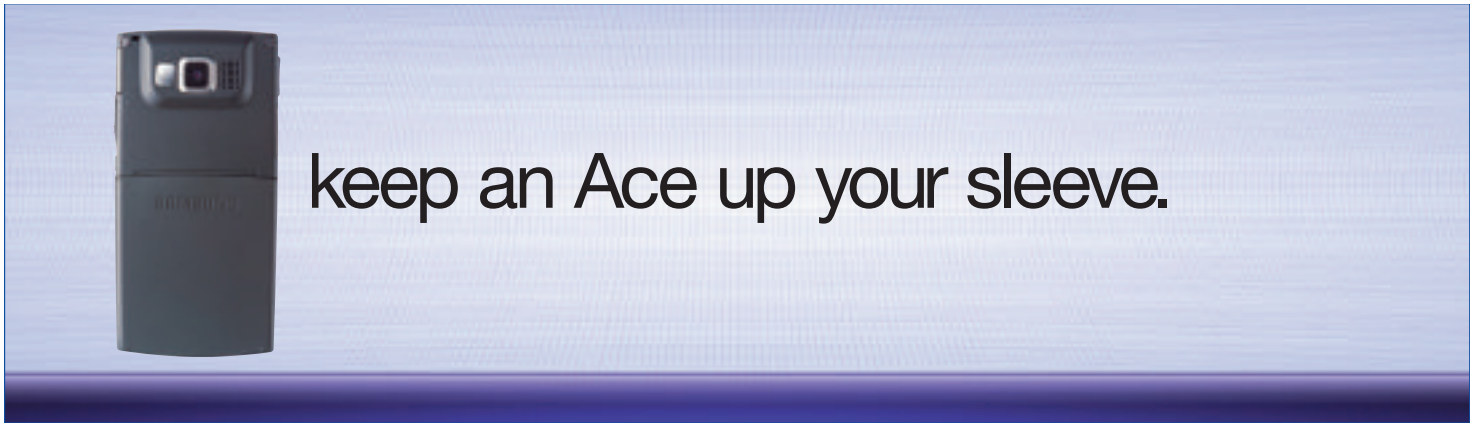
MLB

Marcum doesn't require surgery

INJURIES The news was mostly good for Blue Jays' disabled right-hander Shaun Marcum yesterday.

Marcum was examined by Dr. James Andrews yesterday in Birmingham, Ala., and the famed orthopedist agreed with the club's preliminary diagnosis of strained ligaments in the right forearm and elbow that will not require surgery.

Marcum was placed on the disabled list on Saturday. He is 5-4 with a 2.65 ERA (second in the AL to Cliff Lee's 2.45) and is first in the AL for opponents average (.198) and eighth in strikeouts (86). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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» **NHL** Goalie Ray Emery cleared waivers yesterday, becoming an unrestricted free agent after being bought out by the Ottawa Senators. Emery, 25, who went 12-13-4 last season with a 3.13 goals-against average and an .890 save percentage, was owed $6.75 million US over the next two seasons.

» **NHL** The Nashville Predators signed defenceman Shea Weber and goaltender Dan Ellis to multi-year deals yesterday. Weber signed a $13.5-million US, three-year deal, while Ellis received a $3.5-million, two-year contract. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Raptors after O'Neal?

Rumours swirl about T.O. dealing Ford, Nesterovic

The stakes in the T.J. Ford stakes have been raised considerably.

The Raptors, according to league sources, have had discussions with the Indiana Pacers about a trade for veteran centre Jermaine O'Neal, adding a major name and major salary obligation to potential transactions ahead of Thursday's NBA draft.

The deal would include Ford, Rasho Nesterovic, another player to satisfy salary cap needs and, perhaps, Toronto's 17th pick in the draft for O'Neal, a 29-year-old centre with two years and almost $44 million US left on his contract.

O'Neal

But the deal is far from imminent and only one of a handful of possibilities for Ford, who has three years and about $25 million left on his contract.

According to sources, the Raptors are still talking to the Phoenix Suns about a deal centred around Ford and Boris Diaw and there are "about three" other teams actively talking to Toronto about Ford.

The sources weren't clear on which other teams are involved in the talks.

Raptors president and general manager Bryan Colangelo had no comment on the Indiana talks, or any Ford speculation, yesterday.

In other Raptor news yesterday, all-star forward Chris Bosh was named as a member of the U.S. men's basketball team for the Beijing Games, alongside NBA stars LeBron James and reigning MVP Kobe Bryant.

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Boston	47	31	.603	—
Tampa Bay	44	31	.587	1½
N.Y. Yankees	41	35	.539	5
Baltimore	38	36	.514	7
TORONTO	36	41	.468	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	41	34	.547	—
Minnesota	40	36	.526	1½
Detroit	36	39	.480	5
Cleveland	35	41	.461	6½
Kansas City	33	43	.434	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	46	30	.605	—
Oakland	41	34	.547	4½
Texas	39	38	.506	7½
Seattle	27	49	.355	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	42	35	.545	—
Florida	40	35	.533	1
N.Y. Mets	37	38	.493	4
Atlanta	38	40	.487	4½
Washington	30	47	.390	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	48	28	.632	—
St. Louis	44	33	.571	4½
Milwaukee	42	34	.553	6
Pittsburgh	36	40	.474	12
Houston	35	41	.461	13
Cincinnati	35	42	.455	13½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
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L.A. Dodgers	35	40	.467	3½
Colorado	32	44	.421	7
San Francisco	32	44	.421	7
San Diego	32	45	.416	7½

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE

Seattle 5 N.Y. Mets 2

Arizona at Boston

L.A. Angels at Washington

Colorado at Kansas City

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 4 Atlanta 1

TONIGHT'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

Arizona at Boston, 7:05

N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 7:05

St. Louis at Detroit, 7:05

San Francisco at Cleveland, 7:05

Cincinnati at **TORONTO**, 7:07

Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 7:10

Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:10

L.A. Angels at Washington, 7:10

Texas at Houston, 8:05

Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 8:05

Colorado at Kansas City, 8:10

Minnesota at San Diego, 10:05

Philadelphia at Oakland, 10:05

Chicago Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10

CFL

WEEK 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Hamilton, 7

B.C. at Calgary, 10

FRIDAY'S GAME

TORONTO at Winnipeg, 8

SATURDAY'S GAME

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7:30

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TORONTO at New England, 7:30

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Russia vs. Spain, 2:45

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SUNDAY

Semifinal winners, 2:45

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For those keeping their car

Here's how to lower gas costs

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This week one of our Smart Cookies is handing back her leased vehicle and opting for public transit. With gas prices soaring, we can't help but think it's a smart decision. However, those of us who rely on cars to get around (this includes two Smart Cookies), have to be a bit more creative and efficient to not pay a small fortune for our fuel.

Below are a few of Smart Cookies top tips on saving at the pump.

» Watch your idle time. Letting your engine idle for more than 30 seconds will burn more gas than restarting the engine, so turn the engine off if you expect a long wait.

» Resist the convenience of the drive-thru. We know it's tough to avoid when you've just hopped out of bed and are running for a coffee. But for those who regularly use a drive-thru, the best choice is to park the car and go in. Five to 20 minutes of fuel is consumed each time the drive-thru is used, and for those who use one often, this is an unnecessary waste of fuel.

» Map out your errands. Do multiple errands on the same morning or afternoon and plan out your trip ahead of time. Consolidate drives to locations that are close to each other. If possible, park your car in one spot and walk when you get there.

» Take a break from driving. Carpool, take public transit, or telecommute one day per week instead of driving to work.

» Check the web for deals. Several gasoline price watching websites let you find the best deals in your area. *Gasbuddy.com* is one of our favourites.

» Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. Under-inflated tires cause fuel consumption to increase by six per cent.

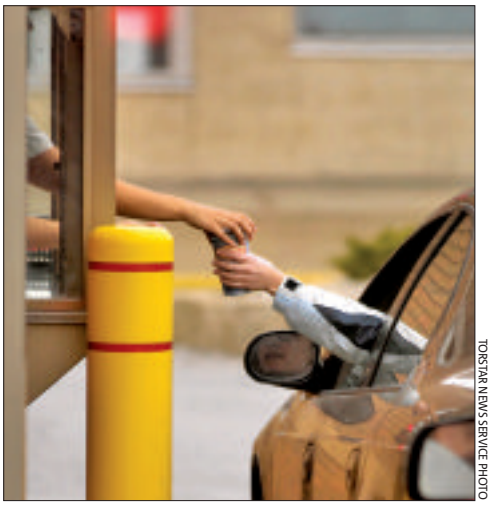
» Change your oil. Clean oil reduces wear caused by friction between moving parts and removes harmful substances from the engine.

» Check and replace air filters regularly. Your car's air filter keeps impurities in the air from damaging internal engine components. Clogged filters can cause up to a 10 per cent increase in fuel consumption.

» Park in the first spot you find. If you wander all over the parking lot looking for that really close parking space, you'll use more gas and waste more time. Smart Cookies say don't be afraid to walk a ways if it comes to that — you'll be saving money and burning calories all at once!

We would like to dedicate this column to the loving memory of Duane — 2001 Pontiac Grand AM. Thanks for the good times.

If you have questions for the Smart Cookies, e-mail us at *smartcookies@metronews.ca*.



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Tune in Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST/PST on the W Network and be sure to visit *smartcookies.com* for more tips.

Maintain proper records for clean audit

MONEY MATTERS
HENRY CHOO CHONG
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Q I've operated a mechanic shop for the past eight years. Last week, I received a letter from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that I have been selected for an audit. I have always filed and paid my taxes on time. Why would they choose me and to what extent am I obligated?

-GUS, TORONTO

A Most Canadian taxpayers would happily go through life without experiencing an audit from the CRA. Unfortunately, this reality can become a nightmare.

Why else would CRA audit you but to find additional taxes owed to them? Do not be misled — the CRA does not assign an agent to spend up to several weeks at your office so that the audit may result with the taxpayer receiving a larger tax refund. Fantasy land is in Florida!

Individuals should check the letter and ensure it is not a request for additional information. A request can be resolved by simply complying — end of story. Businesses should clarify and confirm the purpose of the audit, such as payroll, GST, corporate taxes, etc. Advise your accountant immediately.

Audits are generally selected by CRA through computer-generated lists, specific groups, leads, or associated government authorities. Do not ignore its letters, as you will only delay the inevitable. Unlike a collection agency, the CRA does not go away due to lack of response by the taxpayer.

Unfortunately, although a taxpayer may have nothing to hide, an audit can be time-consuming and stressful. Maintaining proper records and files can reduce the time spent by the CRA at your office and ultimately result in a squeaky clean audit.

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Achieving success

Book details famous people's quest for the top

By RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Alexander Herman, left, and Andrew Feindel, two of the three authors of Kickstart, show off their published book.

Three new authors hope their book will answer an illuminating question — how did some of Canada's most famous and successful individuals get to where they are today?

Andrew Feindel, Alexander Herman and Paul Matthews were first profiled in Metro in 2006 where we documented their struggles to get their book published as new authors with no experience but a whopper of an idea.

Today, their book Kickstart: How Successful Canadians Got Started features dozens of interviews with some of Canada's most notable and successful public figures, including dancer Karen Kain, athlete Rick Hansen, business mogul and philanthropist Peter Munk and even former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

> *« In general, no one really knew what they were doing."*
> Co-author Alexander Herman

Since most new graduates experience some form of uncertainty about what to do next in their lives, the authors figured the best way to find out how to achieve success was from Canadians who had already done it. Luckily for the rest of us, most interviewees confirmed that their early years were just as uncertain and restless as one might expect.

"In general, no one really knew what they were doing," said author Alexander Herman.

"It shows there's no single road map to get where you want to go," added co-author Andrew Feindel.

If any one piece of advice seems to cut across all lives from the book, it would be to do what you love, not what you feel you have to do to make a living.

"One of the things that held a lot of stories together is that people were doing things they loved to do. They were quite passionate about what they do. The message was no matter what you're doing, if you really like something you can find a way of making that your career," Herman said.

Feindel and Herman say the hardest part was getting people to speak with them when they first started working on the book since they had no publisher and no experience. Meanwhile, publishers didn't want to give them the time of day since they had not completed enough interviews to have a book. It was a Catch-22 scenario that seemed impossible to escape from.

"Publishers would say to us, 'Great idea, come to us when you have it finished.' The people we would try to interview would say, 'Great idea — when you have a publishing deal, then we'll talk,'" Feindel said.

Luckily, as more interviews started rolling in, convincing other interviewees to participate became easier due to word-of-mouth and name recognition. Still, some interviews took a lot of effort to secure — it took two years to get Brian Mulroney, for example.

Rather than relying solely on their own perceptions of influential Canadians, Feindel, Herman and Matthews hit up the interviewees themselves to recommend people to include in the book.

"We asked interviewees, 'Who would you like to see in a book like this?'" Feindel said.

Plenty of interviews were edited out for space, so expect to see them if the book becomes successful.

"There's room for a sequel," Herman joked.

In their own words...

By RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Some quotes from famous people in the book:

"Through my 20s, I never worried about the direction of my career. I only concerned myself with being able to make my next project."
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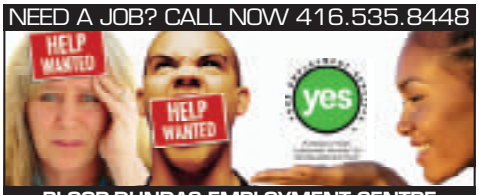

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Free summer Fridays increase in popularity

Debbie Elliott got the idea to give employees time off on summer Fridays after reading a survey of benefits packages offered by her competitors.

"I saw that this other agency was doing it and I though 'Aha!'" said Elliott, president of Talk PR Inc. in Wilmington, N.C.

This is the second summer Elliott will offer her nine-person staff every other Friday off. Employees are split into two groups who alternate Fridays so the office remains staffed. It's an "incredibly popular" perk, she says.

Elliott's 'Aha!" moment is becoming more common as summer Fridays gain popularity. As workers look for more balance in their lives and companies try to retain skilled employees, half-days or full days off on summer Fridays are among the flexible schedules gaining acceptance.

humble beginnings

» Bruce Law, president of Salt Lake City-based Sprout Marketing, introduced summer Fridays when he founded the marketing outsourcing company six years ago and recommends it to his clients as a morale booster that doesn't cost much money.

This summer has seen a big jump in summer Fridays, along with telecommuting and four-day weeks, said John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago-based outplacement firm.

With gas prices rising, a Friday off — or even a chance to leave early and beat the weekend rush hour — can be a powerful employee incentive.

A survey released by executive recruiter Robert Half International found 44 per cent of workers have adjusted their work arrangements because of high gas prices; 26 per cent reported working fewer days per week.

And the economic slowdown can make the choice of doing summer Fridays easier for employers, said Challenger.

"It seems like a win-win, with gas prices high and employees seeking work-life balance," he said. "If they look at the summer and see business is going to be slow and revenue dropping, it's an easy decision." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chris Coleson, a Virginia man, lost about 80 pounds in six months by eating nearly every meal at McDonald's. Not Big Macs, french fries and chocolate shakes, but salads, wraps and apple dippers without the caramel sauce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Day to night makeup

alive

From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

When it comes to makeup, it's easier than you think to transform a neutral daytime palette into something chic and sultry for a night on the town. The rules for day still apply, but with a twist.

To go from day to evening, keep your look fresh and natural — just add depth, a little shimmer, and a lot more shine.

FIND GOOD-QUALITY, PORTABLE PRODUCTS

» Before you head out in the morning, along with your makeup, pack a set of professional makeup brushes made with natural bristles. Not only are they handy for touch-ups, but they are also easier to clean and carry fewer bacteria than sponge applicators.

FOCUS ON YOUR EYES

» Now play up your eyes. After all, smoky eyes are a girl's best friend. Try adding a darker taupe eyeshadow in the crease and to the outside corner of the lid, blending well. Using charcoal, chocolate brown or deep plum eyeliner or shadow, line the eye at the lash line and smudge for instant drama.

GIVE FLAWS THE SLIP

» To get ready for the evening, freshen your look by removing existing makeup and reapplying foundation to a clean complexion. Apply tinted moisturizer or a light concealer on trouble spots such as blemishes or sunspots, and set with a dusting of translucent powder.

MAKE YOUR LIPS SPEAK VOLUMES

» Neutral lipstick colours plump up lips naturally and allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look.

beauty tips

Save time and space:
» Palettes and multipurpose colour sticks are handy — you don't have to carry your entire makeup collection.
» Palettes contain several shades of eye or lip colour, while multipurpose colour sticks can be used on lips, cheeks, and eyes.

The eyes:
» Plump lashes with an eyelash curler.
» Adding more mascara on top of existing mascara will cause yucky clumps to form.

The cheeks:
» Brush bronzer down from the temple and over the apple of the cheek.
» Keep blush to a minimum so focus stays on the eyes.

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Allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look with a nude or natural shade of lipstick, layered with clear or tinted lip gloss.

Freshen your look with a tinted moisturizer like this one from Aveda, $25 (50ml). *www.aveda.com.*

Apply a nude or natural shade of lipstick and layer with clear or tinted lip gloss.

GET CHEEKY

» Gently highlight cheekbones with a bronzy glow. Dot a sheer powder or liquid highlighter at the tops of the cheekbones and blend. Play with light and shadows by adding highlights to the centre of the forehead, chin, neck and shoulders.

A sexy, polished nighttime look can be yours — just be playful and have fun.

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»news In Brief

» **WEBSITE** Amy Cross, a former Chatelaine magazine health editor and freelance writer, recently launched a collaborative blogging site called Women Want Answers (*www.womenwantanswers.com*). Described as "participatory journalism," the site allows women to ask questions, suggest stories and contribute reporting.

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Garage sale etiquette

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This is also the season to participate in that great Canadian ritual, the street garage sale. In my neighbourhood, we call it the annual Trading of the Trash. Once a year, for three hours on a Saturday morning, we attempt to sell our friends and neighbours all the things we can't wait to get rid of ourselves.

Having had years of garage sale experience, I am happy to provide these handy tips to those trying it for the first time.

If the sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., the serious buyers will arrive at your place promptly at 6:45 a.m.

It is poor etiquette to view any item of your neighbour's and exclaim, "I can't believe you actually bought that!" particularly when you yourself are trying to hock the coconut bra you brought back from your last vacation.

Seek out garage sales being thrown by gay couples. The stuff they're throwing out will be nicer than the stuff you're keeping.

Impress on your children that the point of a street sale is to get rid of more stuff than they buy from other people. One year my daughter, Becky, came home dragging a giant pink semi-petrified stuffed horse that she couldn't believe someone sold to her for $1. I am still not speaking to those neighbours.

A common mistake among newbie garage-salers is assuming that the designer feathered lamp you paid $200 for in a store ought to fetch more than $1.50 at a garage sale. To find the proper price, follow these simple steps.

1. Imagine that the item being priced was a birthday gift from an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend/employer/spouse.

2. Imagine you noticed a sticker on the bottom that said, "Free with purchase of Beefyman Beer."

3. Imagine the item also came with a card reading, "To Sue, with all my love."

4. Your name is not Sue.

Subtract 25¢ (if you still can) and you have the proper garage sale price.

Finally, feel free to buy for yourself anything and everything that catches your eye. You'll have something to sell next year.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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E! NEWS ONLINE

Small towns in spotlight

Geography plays role for some Idol hopefuls

By **SANDY CAETANO**
Metro Toronto

CTV MEDIA PHOTOS

Drew Wright, left, of Collingwood, Ont., and Adam Castelli, right, Hamilton, Ont., are among the Canadian Idol Top 24.

When you're from a big city like Toronto, Vancouver, New York or Los Angeles there is such a variety of music around you that it tends to mould the style of new artists trying to come up for their shot at fame and fortune.

That's probably why a lot of new bands sound so similar, making it difficult for music lovers to tell one group from another.

For Adam Castelli, 26, coming from a smaller city like Hamilton, Ont., has given him a chance to develop his only musical style.

"I think a thing about being from a smaller city is that you are less inclined to get influenced by other artists and genres because there just isn't as much going on," Castelli tells Metro. "But because of that you truly develop your own style and way of doing things."

Castelli says in a big city you can sort of get lost in the whirlwind with everything that's going on, it just doesn't give you the opportunity to show people what you can do because there's so many people vying for the spotlight.

"You're kind of a small fish in a big pond, and in a smaller city it's opposite — (you're) a big fish in a small pond," he says.

Yet not everyone feels that being from a small town or a big city makes a difference on what or who you become.

"I don't believe that where you grow up can shape anything," says fellow Top 24 competitor Drew Wright, 28, from Collingwood, Ont. "I think what shapes an individual is what they choose to draw inspiration from. Be it good or bad. That is what defines who you are."

The only difference being from a big city or a small city is how people support you, and being from somewhere that doesn't have a population of couple million makes a difference.

"A small community is more tightly knit and may be more inclined to stand behind someone from it," says Wright. "I don't plan on using it as an advantage. It's just a good feeling to know that I can count on the support of my hometown."

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ceremony

MTV moves video awards to L.A.

MUSIC The MTV Video Music Awards are going Hollywood.

After broadcasting from Las Vegas last year, the awards will air live from Paramount Pictures Studios in Los Angeles on Sept. 7, MTV announced yesterday.

MTV said it plans for the first time to enlist its web-savvy, youthful audience to help decide the nominees.

The network intends to present the awards show from sound stages and rooftops. "With Paramount Pictures as the ideal setting, the glamour and musical heritage of L.A. are sure to be catalysts for creating explosive pop culture moments that the VMAs are known for," Van Toffler, president of MTV Networks Music Group, said.

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Counterculture hero Carlin mourned

Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television. Some People Are Stupid. Stuff. People I Can Do Without.

George Carlin, who died of heart failure Sunday at 71, leaves behind not only a series of memorable routines, but a legal legacy: His most celebrated monologue, a frantic, informed riff on those infamous seven words, led to a Supreme Court decision on broadcasting offensive language.

Carlin

The counterculture hero's jokes also targeted things such as misplaced shame, religious hypocrisy and linguistic quirks — why, he once asked, do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

Carlin went into St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica on Sunday afternoon complaining of chest pain and died later that evening, said his publicist, Jeff Abraham. He performed as recently as last weekend in Las Vegas. "He was a genius and I will miss him dearly," said Jack Burns, who was the other half of a comedy duo with Carlin in the early 1960s.

Ben Stiller called Carlin "a hugely influential force in stand-up comedy. He had an amazing mind, and his humour was brave, and always challenging us to look at ourselves and question our belief systems, while being incredibly entertaining."

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Prehistoric action comes to DVD

10,000 BC

Stars: Steven Strait, Camilla Belle

Distributor: Warner Bros.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS are back, when men were really hairy and sabre-toothed tigers ate them. The latest action spectacle from director Roland Emmerich (Independence Day, The Day After Tomorrow) leaps backward from his usual sci-fi mould to prehistoric days, following the adventures of a young tribesman who fights off human enemies and rampaging beasts such as woolly mammoths while trying to retrieve his woman from warlords who have abducted her.

The DVD and Blu-ray releases have deleted footage and an extended version of the ending. The Blu-ray disc also throws in a couple of featurettes on the era the movie depicts and how the filmmakers re-created ancient structures and extinct creatures.

The Spiderwick Chronicles

Stars: Mary-Louise Parker, David Strathairn, Freddie Highmore

Distributor: Paramount

HOLLYWOOD'S FANTASY craze continues with this adaptation from the book series about a strange old house and its other-worldly denizens. A single mom (Mary-Louise Parker), her teenage daughter and twin sons (both played by Freddie Highmore) move into the home of a vanished uncle, Arthur Spiderwick (David Strathairn), whose "field guide" of the fantastic creatures living in the area helps the family cope with an onslaught of evil beasties. Single-disc and two-disc DVD releases and the Blu-ray edition have excerpts from Arthur's field guide and a couple of featurettes. The Blu-ray and two-disc DVD release also pack deleted scenes and a handful of other making-of segments.

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PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Hogsqueal (the voice of Seth Rogen, left) helps Jared Grace (Freddie Highmore, right) spy on the wicked creatures in The Spiderwick Chronicles, now available on DVD.

Definitely, Maybe

Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin, Rachel Weisz

Distributor: Universal

THIS HOW-I-MARRIED-YOUR-MOTHER romance features Ryan Reynolds as a hubby and father relating recollections of his past significant others to his young daughter. Reynolds plays a dad newly served with divorce papers who lets his curious kid (Abigail Breslin) in on the secret about the three loves of his life (Elizabeth Banks, Isla Fisher and Rachel Weisz) without disclosing which one eventually would become her mom. Along with deleted scenes, the DVD has commentary with Reynolds and writer-director Adam Brooks, plus a look at how the filmmakers crafted the designs and styles of the 1990s for the flashback scenes.

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Cute band aims for sophomore success

By **AMANDA B. HAUPT**
for Metro Toronto

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Cute Is What We Aim For play the Mod Club Theatre tonight.

In 2006 Rolling Stone magazine named Cute Is What We Aim For one of it's 10 Artists to Watch. While lead singer Shaant Hacikyan says receiving the tag was a "pretty surreal" accolade, the band members know they still have much to accomplish.

On sophomore album Rotation, Hacikyan says the Buffalo-based group has the confidence and freedom to write what they really want, something that is highlighted on the track Hollywood.

"Hollywood has a very strong political aspect to it, which I think will resonate with people in the United States and the current administration," he says. "The way politics is being handled, I think it's pretty despicable."

Hacikyan says making the follow-up record was a liberating experience. "It was really cool to feel comfortable. The first time you do a record, you feel a little protective. You have something to say but you need to earn your stripes. I have a little more confidence now in saying what I feel as opposed to upsetting people."

The band's current lineup, featuring drummer Tom Falcone, guitarist Jeff Czum, and new bassist Dave Melillo, is finally stable, Hacikyan says.

"For the first time ever we are happy. Even with the awesome things that we were so fortunate to have happen to us, even still we were miserable because we didn't like each other … This one, it just seems really, really right."

The band feels at home on power-pop label Fueled By Ramen. Rotation is the result of producer John Feldmann (Goldfinger), who encouraged the band to step out of its comfort zone.

"He really made us work. He was a stickler to make sure it was the best. I loved working with him and I would love to work with him again. He's a maniac," Hacikyan says.

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DIGITAL VISION

Tonight's Pride Prom will be the biggest yet, and will fill the main space at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre.

'Most people go crazy'

Hundreds of youth expected to attend this year's Pride Prom

By **DIANE PETERS**
for Metro Toronto

Two years ago, when Hope Clarke went to her high school prom, she couldn't bring who she wanted because of a school policy against same-sex couples.

So last year she went to the Pride Prom and had a blast. "It was great to meet people just like me, youth out the way I am. I made new friends and met new people," she says. This year Clarke, now 18, is going again. Her best friend is dolling up as Juliet, while she's planning to wear a suit, a mustache and a strategically placed sock for Romeo.

She'll be joining nearly 400 youth for the 12th edition of the city's only year-end dance that welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans youth. The "Fairytales" themed event is moving through its second decade with a mixed sense of success.

This year's dance will be the biggest yet and will fill the main space at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. That proves youth love the only Pride Week event geared for them. But it also means that the regular proms at high schools across the GTA still shun these kids.

Ian-Joseph Fermin, 18, took a girl to the prom at his Catholic high school last spring. "I wanted to bring my boyfriend at the time. But then I thought about my teachers and the whole controversy, and I just didn't want to deal with that." This was a school that lectured against homosexuality during religion class.

Not that he had a terrible time; but he couldn't be himself. "I wasn't able to express myself. Dance the way I wanted to dance, be more flamboyant," he says.

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> *Ian-Joseph Fermin, 18, says of his high school prom*

The Pride Prom lets youth to go way out there. "I expect to see different characters from fairy tales and some fairy wings," says Clare Nobbes, co-ordinator of community programs at Supporting Our Youth (SOY) Toronto, a community development program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans youth that helps organize the prom. "Most people go crazy, dressing up. But there's also no pressure. Some come the way they are."

The night is all about dancing — any way the youth want. The organized entertainment includes donated door prizes, and the crowing of the King, Queen and Ace. No gender restrictions on these, of course, particularly the Ace. "It honours people who are just plain fabulous and don't need a prize based on their gender," says Nobbes.

Also on stage will be MC Adamo Ruggiero, who plays the gay character Marco on Degrassi: The Next Generation, and came out himself earlier this year.

While the prom is hosted by SOY and the Triangle Program, an alternative school for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans youth, kids come to the event from all over, and from outside the city as well.

» Fairytales Pride Prom 2008 starts at 8 tonight at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander St. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information, visit *www.soytoronto.com* or call 416-324-5077.

MC Adamo Ruggiero, who plays the gay character Marco on Degrassi: The Next Generation, will be on stage at Pride Prom tonight. CTV PHOTO

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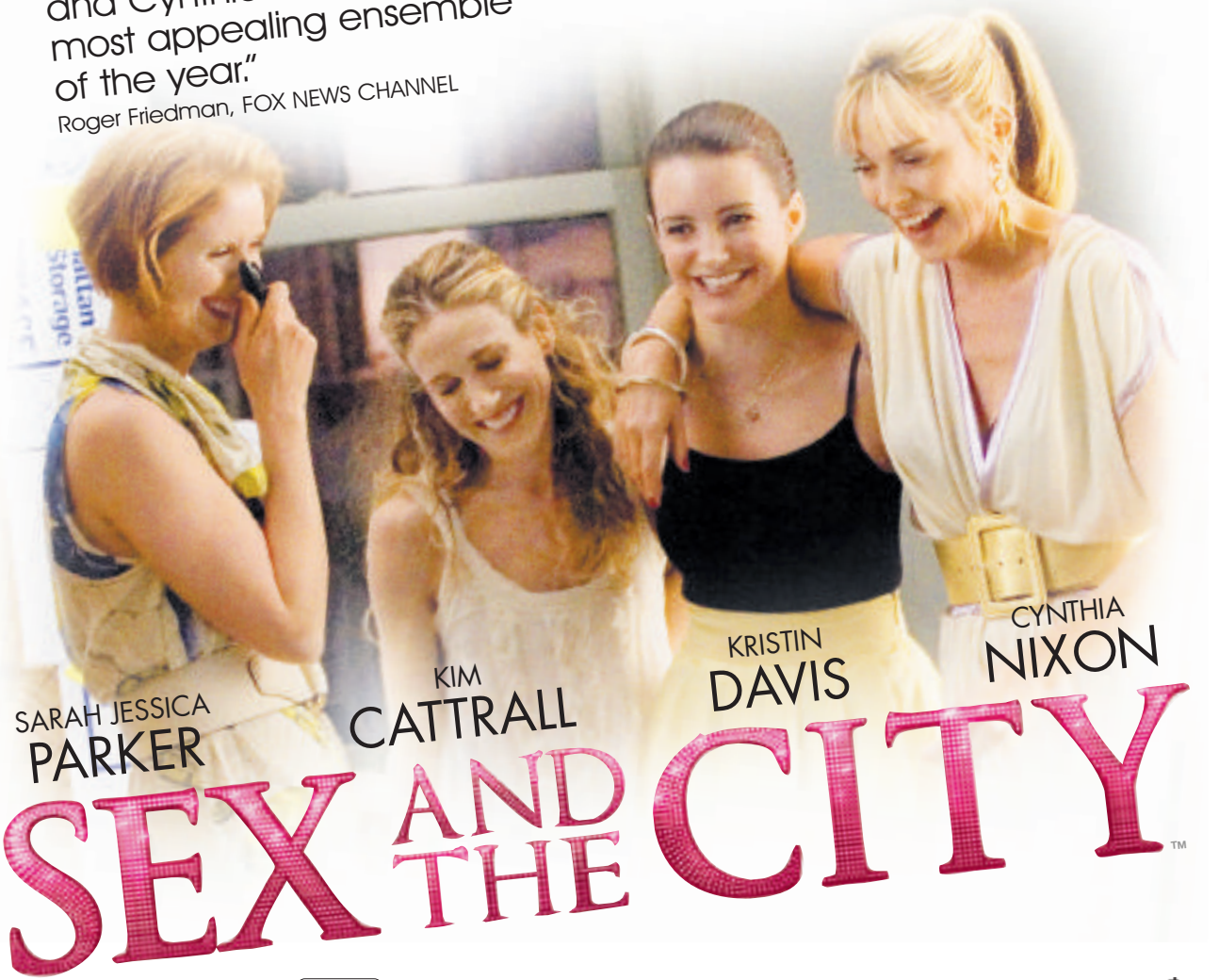

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Celebrating success

Activists to be honoured at Gala & Awards event

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Toronto

As Pride Week revellers proudly display their colours across the city, prominent politicians are showing theirs at a gala event in support of Toronto's queer community.

Tonight's Pride Toronto Gala & Awards will celebrate the great strides and successes of some of the most prominent activists fighting for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered rights across the world.

For Pride Week co-chair Mark Singh, the gala is an opportunity to thank those people who've made a strong and positive impact in gay rights in Canada and beyond.

"It's a chance for us to recognize the members of our community who have worked so hard," Singh said.

Mayor David Miller and Premier Dalton McGuinty will show their support at the gala dinner and awards presentation along with John Tory, members of the provincial opposition and several other high-profile members of the political community. Also attending will be the world's only two gay Muslim Imams, proof that gay rights are finally starting to make headway in the Islamic world.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Premier Dalton McGuinty will be at the Pride Toronto Gala & Awards tonight.

Award winners to be honoured at the event include Muslim activist Faisal Alam who has long championed gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered rights for Muslims and will be receiving the Spirituality award at the gala. Prominent Canadian gay-rights lawyer Douglas Elliott will also be honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his tireless work fighting for social justice in the queer community.

Cultural satirist and comedian Sandra Bernhard will host the evening in Toronto's burgeoning Distillery District. The event will also feature a live, five-act performance in the theme of Ancient Greece complete with costumes, circus-style acrobatics and a few astonishing surprises.

Singh says that beyond being a fundraising opportunity, the event is a celebration of the great openness Toronto and Canada have shown towards the queer community.

"The atmosphere in the queer community is very celebratory right now. We're really, really fortunate to live in Toronto and in Canada. We live in a society that is more tolerant than ever and we're lucky to have that luxury to be who we want to be," Singh said.

» The 4th Annual Pride Toronto Gala takes place tonight at 6 at the Distillery District, Fermenting Cellar, 55 Mill St.

» my pride

by enza supermodel
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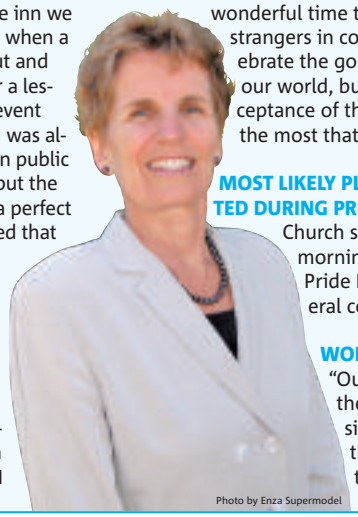
NAME: Kathleen Wynne
AGE: 55
OCCUPATION: Ontario Minister of Education

CLAIM TO FAME: Mother of three fabulous children: Christopher, Jessica, Maggie. Partner of loving, supportive Jane Rounthwaite.

A COMING OUT MOMENT: I was 37 years old when I came out. Shortly after Jane and I started living together, we went on a vacation to proudly gay Provincetown on Cape Cod. One night we stepped out of the front door of the inn we were staying at, when a man reached out and thrust a flyer for a lesbian nightclub event into my hands. I was already involved in public life at the time but the moment when a perfect stranger assumed that I was a lesbian stands out in my mind. On one hand I felt comfort in being part of a group I was starting to identify with, but on the other hand I was shocked that someone would make a judgment about me.



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FAVOURITE GAY ICON: k.d. lang.

A TORONTO PRIDE EXPERIENCE: Three years ago I was marching with my political colleagues down Yonge Street in the parade. I suddenly caught sight of my sister, Evie, who jumped out of the crowd wearing a beautiful "I love my lesbian sister" button. She was the first member of my family of origin to venture downtown to the parade and I burst into tears as she hugged me. Pride is a wonderful time to connect with strangers in common cause, to celebrate the gorgeous diversity of our world, but it is always the acceptance of the people we love the most that touches our hearts.

MOST LIKELY PLACE TO BE SPOTTED DURING PRIDE: At the MCC Church service on Sunday morning; marching in the Pride Parade with my Liberal colleagues.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." — Martin Luther King Jr.

» come out

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Pride Week is switching gears with events from poetry to fashion shows and a gala in between.

Pride Toronto is honouring its best in those who have brought significant achievements to queer life in the **4TH ANNUAL PRIDE TORONTO GALA AT THE DISTILLERY DISTRICT**.

Ilene Chaiken, writer and executive producer of The L Word, will receive the Arts & Culture award at the Pride Toronto Gala tonight.
GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

Comedian showgirl **Sandra Bernhard** hosts this God and Goddesses themed evening. Those being honoured include **Ilene Chaiken** (Arts & Culture), **Arsham Parsi** (Human Rights), **Faisal Alam** (Spirituality), **Rainbow Health Network** (Science Medicine & Technology), **Michelle Dumaresq** (Sports), **Jeremy Dias** (Youth Leadership), **Douglas Elliot** (Lifetime Achievement), and **Lesbian and Gay Community Appeal** (Pride Theme Award – Unified).

» **THE DETAILS:** Distillery District, 55 Mill St. *www.pridetoronto.com*, 416-927-7433, Tonight at 6.

DOMINIC CHAN PHOTO

Enza "Supermodel" Anderson hangs out with Sandra Bernhard after her show at Massey Hall this weekend.

Ladies, looking for some girl action? Contact Contemporary Music presents **GIRL ON GIRL** action at the Gladstone Hotel. The night features singer **Lori Freedman** in a solo performance of music written by women composers followed by **the Allison Cameron Band**.

Also at the Gladstone, the spoken word takes centre stage in **PROUD VERSES**. The city's talented poets and spoken word artists descend for a night of inspiring and thought-provoking poetry. Dub poet, actor, and playwright **d'bi young anitafrika** hosts the event.

» **THE DETAILS:** Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W., *www.gladstonehotel.com*, 416-531-4635. At 8.

Need something that's a little more revealing? Café California Restaurant exposes the underside of Pride festivities with the first night of two **PRIDE UNDERWEAR FASHION SHOWS**. This free outdoor event is guaranteed to draw a crowd.

» **THE DETAILS:** Café California, 538 Church St. 416-960-6161. At 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m.

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Behind-the-scenes TV fun

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE: Three writers and producers are taking Corey Haim and Corey Feldman — aka "The Two Coreys" — to court, claiming that they deserve credit for the reality show of the same name that brings the '80s has-beens back together, according to a TMZ.com story. The trio are asking for US $1 million dollars in compensation. The lesson of the day is that Hollywood is the only place where anyone would think of demanding credit for such a thing. It's like some clapped-out swinger fighting for royalties on herpes.

NOT JUST SURVIVING: According to a story by the usually-reliable Nikki Finke of L.A. Weekly, Mark Burnett is discussing selling his production company to IMG.

IMG's head of global operations was recently witnessed defending Burnett at a Hollywood entertainment conference this week, and went on to say that Burnett was a "visionary genius" who's "reimagining television and its models."

Considering how steeply almost all of Burnett's "visionary" shows lose viewership after their first couple of seasons, IMG must have inside information that O.J. Simpson will be doing the next Celebrity Apprentice chained to Judge Lance Ito, Marcia Clark and Mark Fuhrman, in a Plexiglas sphere suspended over a huge vat of boiling Cheez Whiz.

GEORGE CARLIN RIP: The comedian, who passed away this weekend, was one of the major inspirations of my young life — proof of how much mileage you could get just by telling jokes that made your parents upset. I'd write a longer tribute, but I'm pretty sure I already did that a couple of years ago, when I managed to get a certain Anglo-Saxon four-letter expletive printed over a dozen times in this column, without a single complaint.

That one was for you, George.

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	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Wipeout (N)		Shark "LAPD Blue"		In Plain Sight (N)		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	Just-Gags	Rick Mercer	22 Minutes	Ron James Quest for the West		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Japanese Game Show		Hell's Kitchen (N)		Two/Half Men	Role	News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Canadian Idol Singers perform. (Live)			Robson Arms	Without a Trace		News (N)
	218	345	11	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	X-Weighted "Jocelyn"		Kimora: Fab	Kardashians	Living Lohan	D. Richards	News (N)
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	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Celebrity Family Feud		America's Got Talent (N)				News
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Beauty and the Geek		Reaper (HDTV)		CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers
	298	653	332	TLA	Reba	Reba	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Beauty, Geek
news	502	390	26	NW	News (N)	Mansbridge	The Hour		CBC News: The National		Road Stories: Saskaboom (N)		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
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	620	523	40	BVO	Bazart	Bravo!Videos	Journey Justin Hines		Freddie Mercury		Rufus Wainwright: Live		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Nearly Dead	Matchmaker	Salon Diaries		Plastic-Perfect	Rocker Moms	Nearly Dead
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		Digging for the Truth		Finding the Fallen		NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		Crime Stories
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv Bill O'Reilly.		Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Designer Guys	Design Inc.	Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Green Force	Outside	Colin & Justin
	294	529	47	TBS	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)						Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: Red Carpet		BET Awards '08 Honoring music, sports and entertainment; host D.L. Hughley. (Live)						After Party
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	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing		Killer Next Door		Psychic Detect	Ext. Evidence	Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	(6) Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007)				The Departed ★★★ (2006, Crime Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio.				
	305	612	306	PIX	The Babe ★★	(7:20) Top of the Food Chain ★★★ (1999)			Psycho Beach Party ★★★ (2000, Comedy)			Henry & June (1990, Drama)	

critics'corner

Robson Arms
What is it with television and the fixation on hunky doctors? In the new episode "Baby? What Baby?" Bobbi (Gabrielle Miller) meets Dr. Right (guest star Shaun Majumder). He's cute, charming and has money to burn. Perfect, right? Well, he would be if he liked kids — of which Bobbi happens to have one. Can the good doctor be turned into father material in time for the wedding in Bobbi's imagination? 9:30 PM on CTV

NCIS
Chemical weapons — our worst nightmare. In "Sharif Returns," Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and his team search for a biological weapon supply that's gone missing and discover it's in the hands of a known terrorist (guest star Enzo Cilenti), who makes repeated phone calls threatening to unleash the material on several major cities. The team joins forces with Army Lt. Col. Hollis Mann (Susanna Thompson) to track him down before he can carry out his threats. 8 PM on CBS

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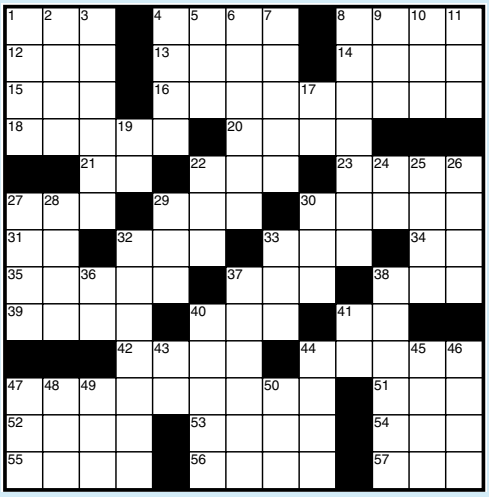

down

1 Coconut source
2 Out on the briny
3 Parched feeling
4 Hunks' assets
5 Teahouse attire
6 Snacks
7 Sherpa's home
8 Less certain
9 Fish roe
10 PC key
11 Slalom run
17 Ouch!
19 Brief query
22 Rickey ingredient
24 Dixie st.
25 Breathe
26 Styptic
27 Cracker brand
28 Sheltered
29 Work in the garden
30 Machine tooth
32 Probate concerns
33 Not lean
36 Since
37 Forward letters
38 Ride fast
40 Plays a round
41 Moon of Jupiter
43 Scale note
44 Big celebration
45 French Legion headgear
46 Cloy
47 Delivery truck
48 Ivy Leaguer
49 San Francisco hill
50 Chinese "way"

across

1 Overly glib
4 Rhine city
8 Went by bike
12 Embers, finally
13 Woodwind
14 Currier and —
15 Aloha token
16 Kitchen sink devices
18 Adult fillies
20 Peddle
21 Library warning
22 Firm up
23 Cuba, to Castro
27 Tell on
29 Towel word
30 DeMille of epics
31 Peoria's st.
32 Immeasurable time
33 Not opposed
34 Deja —
35 Pester playfully
37 Tattered cloth
38 Sparkler
39 Relish
40 Obtain
41 Midwest st.
42 Bohr's study
44 Mom and Pop
47 Open the window
51 Grassland
52 — vera
53 Royal decree
54 Cast a vote
55 Robin beaks
56 Wild plum
57 Apple goody

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Diplomatically accept the way things are done. Maintenance slows your travels. A busy workday will be mirthful.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Abandonment issues will arise. Be disciplined around your comfort foods. Someone's feelings are hurt while rushing by.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Be alert to find a job option. Frenzy results from a change of rules. Stand your ground with a laughable person.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Make do with what's already available. Some ignorant patter will disturb you. A man who lies must leave the scene.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You can win despite bad odds. A person's game causes a move for freedom. Maintain your honour when you're socializing.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Get to the bottom of someone's intimidating actions. Moisture may cause problems. A feeling of insecurity develops after a rebuke.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Don't show surprise when you're asked for a date. Paradise is visited with a virtuous person. Buddy remembers a forgotten promise.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Don't stifle your fantasy life. There's no time limit for having fun. Someone has a trick up his sleeve.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
A temper tantrum will be counter-productive. An angel of mercy breaks with tradition. Heed a woman's instructions.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Power plays keep your brain hopping. Help someone with their tedious tasks. Answer the call to fix a debt problem.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A steamy romantic event boosts your mood. A stranger provokes a hilarious episode. Listen to those who know more than you.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Forgive yourself for being thoughtless. A pessimist gets wildly ambitious. Save the best for last at night.

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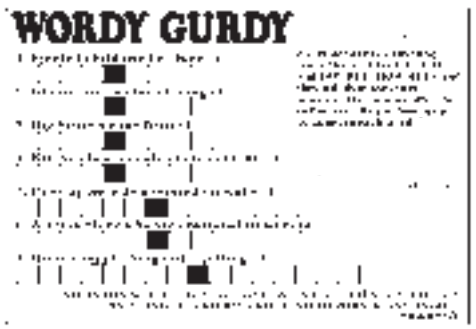

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Celebrity Buzz

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Dion holds world's worst cover version

Music: Celine Dion is responsible for the world's worst cover version, a poll of music experts has decided. The star's rendition of the AC/DC track You Shook Me All Night Long was given the dubious honour in the Total Guitar magazine survey, BBC News Online reports.

Dion's cover was "sacrilege," editor Stephen Lawson said. The experts also judged the best cover versions, with Jimi Hendrix's performance of the Bob Dylan song All Along The Watchtower topping the list. A Sugababes and Girls Aloud version of Walk This Way, a huge hit for Aerosmith and Run DMC, came second in the list of worst covers.

Westlife's 1999 version of the ballad More Than Words by rock band Extreme was third on the list. Will Young was fourth with his cover of The Doors' Light My Fire, which reached No. 1 in the U.K. top 40 charts in 2002, and The Mike Flowers Pops rounded off the top five with its cover of Oasis' Wonderwall.

In the list of best covers, The Beatles' rendition of Twist And Shout, first recorded by the Top Notes, was in second place, followed by the Guns N' Roses version of the Wings' song Live And Let Die. Nirvana's cover of The Man Who Sold The World by David Bowie, and Muse's Feeling Good, made famous by Nina Simone, also appeared in the top five.

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Lopez throws a fit while shopping?

PEOPLE: Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez reportedly pulled diva-esque behaviour while shopping at the Catherine Malandrino boutique in Manhasset, N.Y., near where she lives with her husband, Marc Anthony, PageSix.com reports.

"She demanded the store be shut down for her to shop alone, but they said, 'Absolutely not,'" said a source. "Then one of her eight-person entourage, including two bodyguards with their guns showing, was yelling at the clerk that Jennifer gets a 50 per cent discount."

Lopez's rep did not return a call for comment.

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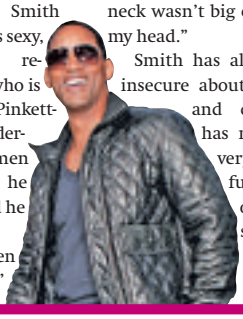
REALITY TV The producers of Celebrity Apprentice, real estate mogul Donald Trump's reality TV competition, have asked Heather Mills to be a contestant on the show's next season, PageSix.com reports an insider as saying. "Donald (Trump) really likes her, so he was into the idea," said the source. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Smith doesn't think he's sexy

ATTRACTIVE Will Smith doesn't think he is sexy, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor, who is married to Jada Pinkett-Smith, can't understand why women like him because he has never believed he is attractive.



"I've never seen myself as sexy," Smith said. "I've been 6-feet-2 since I was 12, and as a kid my ears stuck out and my neck wasn't big enough for my head."

Smith has always been insecure about his looks and claims he has never been very successful with the opposite sex.

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rumours

Depp's marriage not true: Publicist

NUPTIALS Johnny Depp's publicist has been forced to speak out to quash reports alleging the actor and his longtime partner Vanessa Paradis have married, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor was rumoured to be planning to wed Paradis at actress Sandra Bullock's Georgia home earlier this month, but Depp's representative shot down those claims, insisting they were false. The couple has been together for 10 years and have two children.

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Celebrity brief

SUPPORT Kate Moss is said to be "beside herself" following Rhys Ifans' split from Sienna Miller, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel, who has had a rocky friendship with the actress, has been rallying around Ifans since the breakup earlier this month, and is doing everything she can to cheer him up.

Meanwhile, Miller is getting support from some unlikely sources, including her ex-boyfriend Jude Law.

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Celebrity Buzz

Spears fears she'll die at 27

LIFE Britney Spears fears she won't live to see her 28th birthday, according to the author of a shocking new expose about the troubled pop star.

Biographer and journalist Ian Halperin spent 18 months studying the singer as an undercover paparazzo, getting close to the star and her inner circle, femalefirst.co.uk reports. And now he's writing about his findings in a book which he hopes to have on shelves by Christmas.

Amid all the claims of drug abuse, bipolar problems and suicidal tendencies, Halperin states Spears told him personally she fears she will die at 27.

The biographer, who ironically penned a book about Kurt Cobain — who lost his life at 27, tells Life & Style magazine, "She told me she feared she'd die at age 27 (her current age), just like other music stars, like Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain."

Spears turns 28 on Dec. 2.

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Barnes unhappy with sex symbol status

HEART-THROB The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian star Ben Barnes is embarrassed about his new heart-throb status — insisting he is not comfortable when people view him as a sex symbol, imdb.com reports. The 26-year-old shot to fame with the title role in the latest adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novels. Barnes insists that although he is grateful for the career boost, he is worried about becoming famous for his looks and not his acting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ritchie ventures into whisky

BUSINESS Madonna's husband Guy Ritchie is planning to take on a new business venture by creating his own whisky, imdb.com reports. The moviemaker is set on making the best and most expensive whisky ever, rumoured to sell for up to six figures. A source tells Britain's The Sun, "He plans to stuff the current top prices with his brand. He reckons there are plenty of rich businessmen and rock stars who would pay six figures for the world's best whisky." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tautou struggles with celeb status

PEOPLE Actress Audrey Tautou was sickened by the way her life changed after becoming a celebrity, imdb.com reports. The Da Vinci Code star shot to international stardom after her roles in French cult film Amelie and the big-screen adaptation of Dan Brown's hit book, but has struggled with losing her anonymity. She tells Britain's Daily Express, "I remember when I became very famous after Amelie ... A guy came over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I was shocked. Then he went back to his table and everybody was applauding him like he had won a bet. I was traumatized. I had become a bet!" METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paltrow pregnant?

RUMOURS Gwyneth Paltrow has sparked rumours she is pregnant after she was spotted with a much more shapely figure, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 35-year-old star also revealed earlier this month she would consider having another baby because she loves being a mum. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Holmes sends Kidman surprise gift

BABY BASKET Actress Katie Holmes is making nice with mom-to-be Nicole Kidman by giving her baby gifts, starmagazine.com reports. Holmes shipped a gift basket to Kidman, the ex-wife of her husband Tom Cruise. The basket has been stuffed with toys, onesies, a blanket and more from Neiman Marcus in Beverly Hills, Calif. an insider tells Star. Kidman is eight months pregnant. "Katie wanted the best of everything in the basket," the insider says. "It cost over $2,000."

Kidman recently gave an interview to Vogue magazine, in which she talks about finding love with husband Keith Urban, being pregnant with her first biological child and the photo to that made her cry. METRO NEWS SERVICES

people

WEDDING Ellen DeGeneres has set a date for her wedding to Portia de Rossi, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have been together since December 2004 — revealed their intention to marry when same sex ceremonies were legalized in California last month. DeGeneres refused to reveal when the wedding will take place, but did tell fans the ceremony will be broadcast on her talk show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

alarm bells

LIGHTING UP Shia LaBeouf set off smoke alarms in a U.S. museum when he lit a cigarette in the bathroom, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 21-year-old actor received a stern warning from officials at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington D.C, after attempting to smoke in the bathroom while filming his new movie Transformers 2. When he realized he had set off the alarm, LaBeouf tried to flush the cigarette down the toilet, according to the National Enquirer magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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